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## MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A wonderful wildlife film on Africa, "Baobob Tree", will be presented at the May 9 general membership meeting. Phyllis Simon will show this film at the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on **Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 P.M.**

—DOLORES WHITE, *Program Chairperson*

The center of this issue of the *Gull* contains a revised GGAS Constitution for your approval. The upper part of the next to the last page contains a ballot. It is important that you complete the ballot and mail it by May 15 to the GGAS office at 2718 Telegraph Avenue #206, Berkeley, CA 94705. Please mark your envelope **BALLOT**.

## Covel's Conservation Corner

Seeing people with backpacks, bicycles — even a few horses — pouring in and out of Pt. Reyes Seashore trails on a cold, overcast Sunday gave me immense satisfaction, as I recalled our recent struggles to acquire this seashore wilderness. "The climate will never permit much outdoor recreation," was a favorite opposition argument. The many road barricades are signs of the times for American parks. Gaze at that lovely Limantour Spit without blemish of house, auto or camper! Then, go walk it!

Our California deserts haven't fared so well. As reported in the March *GGAS Hotline*, J. R. Penny, California director of the Bureau of Land Management, told Congress, "Indiscriminate, unmanaged use of the California desert has reached the status of an emergency." The Environmental Defense Fund, with the Sierra Club and the Society of California Archeology as co-plaintiffs, has sued BLM in a move designed to force more money from Congress for desert protection from vehicular and

vandal abuses. Meanwhile, the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) lobby is also fighting the bill by Assemblyman Ray Gonzales (AB 2645) to reclassify Red Rock Canyon from a recreation area to a state park. If you have used and admired our desert, you should also become concerned.

A breakthrough on San Leandro Bay came at the March 5th meeting of the East Bay Regional Park District Directors. They directed their lands officer to enter negotiations with the Port of Oakland and the City of Alameda for \$1 a year leases for development and management of shoreline access, and for minimal public facilities. \$250,000 from the Board of Supervisors is still available; but the EBRP staff estimates several million would be required to convert these shoreline strips to a public park. The Directors also moved toward acquisition, by lease and purchase, of some 6000 acres of land to expand existing parks and to create four new parks. Sunol Regional Park would expand 3000 acres adding land now held by the San Francisco Water District. The creation of a new Coastal Peaks Regional Park in southern Alameda County is also envisioned.

Some local park administrators took exception to parts of my "crime in the parks" essay (March *Gull*). One of these gentlemen advised me that a survey of crimes against the person in a large western city revealed that acre for acre, or mile for mile of roadway, city parks had fewer crimes than the adjacent blocks of homes, businesses and professional establishments. A quick check with local police records indicates this may be true in the Bay Area. A crime in a park, like a crime in church, tends to receive more publicity, as both places are presumed to be sanctuaries from violence. So please, fellow Audubonites, use your parks as much as possible, with reasonable precautions; your presence is needed to insure the safety of other decent people. End—my "crime reporting" for the present.

"Where were the 'special alerts' from the conservation-environmental organizations during the recent fecal attack on the Bay by the struck San Francisco sewage plants?" some have inquired. We didn't note any such "call to arms". However, the *Oakland Tribune*, in graphically documented columns, blasted San Francisco for this incident and for their rainy-day sewage discharges into the Bay. The *Tribune* is also filing suit to compel both state and regional water control boards to take more aggressive action against all Bay polluters.

—PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

#### CHANGE IN GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY ADDRESS:

Round trip from our office to P.O. Box 5022 is 12 blocks. To conserve energy and time we are shifting our mailing address to that of our office on which we hold a lease until November 1975. Please use the office address, 2718 Telegraph Ave., #206, Berkeley Ca 94705 in your future correspondence with GGAS.

## Bay Area Birds

For some time now, tape recorded bird alert messages have been operating in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and many other cities. Now, Golden Gate Audubon has such a tape for the Bay Area. The tape is called "Bay Area Bird and Conservation Alert," and it may be dialed day or night at 843-2211.

The tape is designed to give directions to rare birds when they are seen in the area. Since out-of-town birders may call it when visiting, some of the commoner local birds and birding spots may be mentioned. Conservation issues and GGAS messages will also be mentioned.

If you have rare birds to report, or comments about the tape, send them to me. My address and phone number are at the bottom of this column. After all, the tape is for *you*.

### MINES ROAD, LIVERMORE

A great day's birding can be had on Mines Road. The 45 mile drive will take you through riparian growth, oak and chaparral communities, Digger Pines, steep canyons, and open grasslands. Some of the birds found there can be found nowhere else in the greater Bay Area.

Take the North Livermore Ave. exit from Highway 580, and drive south toward town. 2.9 miles after crossing route 84 in the center of town, turn right onto Mines Road. At this point, set your odometer to 0.0. Try to get there as near to dawn as possible.

At 0.8 miles, stop near the extensive sycamore groves on the right side of the road. With patience, Lewis' Woodpecker can be found in the next 0.3 miles. Yellow-billed Magpie is common here, and both Western and Cassin's Kingbirds have been seen.

At 3.5 miles, turn left. (Going straight takes you to Del Valle Park.) In a short way, cross a bridge over Arroyo Mocho, the semi-permanent stream that parallels Mines Road. Pull over just past the bridge, as this is a good spot for Phainopepla. Oak and chaparral continues for several miles past this spot, and Phainopepla, Lazuli Buntings, a few Rufous-crowned Sparrows, and an occasional Roadrunner can be found. When you finally reach the Digger Pines watch for Lawrence's Goldfinch, as this is probably the best place for them in the Bay Area. Their high-pitched tinkling calls are distinctly different from Lesser Goldfinches.

At 27.3 miles, there is a sign reading "San Antone Junction, ½ mile ahead." Search the chaparral slopes 200 feet to the left (east) for the junco-like notes of the Sage Sparrow. They are difficult to see unless they are singing, but they are always here, even in winter. Be patient.

At San Antone Junction, snacks and gas are sold, but the current



availability of gas is unknown. Look here for Lewis' Woodpeckers and Purple Martins, both of which nested near here in 1973. Just past the store, turn left down Del Puerto Canyon. Where the canyon walls are steep, watch out for Rock and Canyon Wrens. Black-chinned Sparrows were found here last year, and Phainopeplas are fairly common in the mistletoe-laden oaks at the lower end of the Canyon. At the very end of the Canyon, just before the open grasslands, Costa's Hummingbird nests, and can be seen feeding in the tubular yellow flowers of Tree Tobacco. *Nicotiana*. Somewhere along the road, you will surely have seen a Golden Eagle or two soaring high overhead.

The road comes out on Interstate 5 near Patterson, and it's a boring 80 mile drive home, but good birding sometimes has its price.

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

*Red-necked Grebe*, Bodega Bay, March 23—P&DW.

*Laysan Albatross*, near the Farallones, March 22—VDaC.

*Cape Petrel*, in Monterey Bay, March 13—BGE *et. al.*; this is the second sight record of this bird in California in this century.

*Lesser Yellowlegs*, 6 on Joice Is., March 14—JM, JP, MW.

*Spotted Owls*, 3 called in with tape recorder and seen in broad daylight in Marin County, March 17—EG, CS.

*Costa's Hummingbird*, at the Adamsons' feeder in Lafayette on March 11, the 133th species on their yard list!—HA.

*Blue-grey Gnatcatcher*, Golden Gate Park, March 21—DS.

*Northern Shrike*, adult, on Grizzly Island, March 14—JM, JP, MW.

*Red Crossbill*, singing on territory near Lake Merced, March 31—LCB.

*Observers:* Harry Adamson, Laurence C. Binford, Valeria DaCosta, Bruce G. Elliott, Ed Greaves, Joc Morlan, Joanne Pettinicchio Clarence Smith, Dixie Sperling, Peter & Dolores White, Mike Wihler.

—BILL PRINCIPE, *Bay Area Birds* Editor (254-1071)

## FIELD TRIPS FOR MAY

**Saturday, May 4. Army Presidio of San Francisco.** Meet at 8 A.M. inside the Presidio at the end of the 45 bus line. Transportation can be provided from here for those who need it. Leader: Mary Louise Rosegay (561-2889).

**Sunday, May 5.** Hike, look and listen for a leisurely 6+ miles. Meet at 9 A.M. at Five Brooks Trail parking lot, 3.5 miles south of Olema, just off Highway 1, Marin County. Watch for the Five Brooks sign. Prepare to carry lunch. Leader: Marie Mans (284-7681).

**Tuesday, May 14. Mt. Diablo.** Approach via Mt. Diablo Road out of Danville. Meet at 8:30 A.M. about one mile before the South Ranger Station. Watch for the leader along the road. Entrance fee into park is \$1.00 per car, so we will try to pool. Leader: Mike Wihler.

**Saturday, May 18. Bolinger Canyon.** Take Highway 24 through the Oakland tunnel, exit at Orinda, and drive to the end of the road, in Moraga. Turn left, and meet at the entrance of St. Mary's College at 8 A.M. Leader: Pete Allen (781-0148).

**Sunday, May 19. Mt. Diablo.** A combination wild flower and bird trip. Follow the directions above and meet at 9 A.M. Leader: Paul Covel (536-4120).

**Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12.** A weekend camping trip at the Pinnacles for those who can make it. Last gas at Hollister. Camps 10 & 11, Chalone annex, have been reserved for us for Friday and Saturday nights. Small entrance fee; mention Audubon at the toll gate. Meet each day at camp site at 8 A.M. Leader, Bruce Schatzman (386-1876).

**Sunday, May 26. Sunol Regional Park.** Meet at the Brown Cottage Headquarters at 8:30 A.M. Take Highway 50 (580), turn right onto 680, exit on 84, turn left, and follow signs. Leader: Tom Carson (581-2655).

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 31, June 1-2.** To Yosemite by charter bus. Make cabin reservations now at Camp Curry at toll free number 800-692-5811. Camping is limited and not recommended for bus passengers. Make bus reservations with Pat Triggs, 2038 33rd Ave., San Francisco 94116 (664-8502). Send \$15.00 and telephone number.

San Francisco loading will be at Grove and Larkin in front of the Civic Auditorium. Weekend parking at Civic Center underground garage, \$5 to \$6, entrance on McAllister. Leaving promptly at 6 P.M. **Friday.**

Oakland loading at 12th & Jackson near the Alco Park Garage. From Bay Bridge approach via Nimitz freeway (17), exit on Jackson; or from south on Nimitz, exit on Oak St. Be prepared with 2 quarters to enter garage. Bus leaving at 6:45 P.M. **Friday.**

Meeting place both days will be **Yosemite Falls parking lot** at 9 A.M. Be prepared to walk several miles on the floor of the valley and bring lunch in a knapsack. Leader: George Peyton (531-5588).

Note: the **Yuba Pass** Camping Bus trip on **June 14-14-16** will have the same loading plans as above.

No Leader trips: **May 8**, Chain of Lakes, 43rd & Fulton in **Golden Gate Park**; and **May 23** at the Little Farm in **Tilden Park**. Meet at 9 A.M. Choose your own leader. Lunch is optional.

—PAT TRIGGS, *Field Trips Chairman* (664-8502).

## ANNUAL JUNE DINNER

The Annual GGAS Dinner program will be held **Thursday, June 6**, at 6 P.M. in the First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets, San Francisco. The cost of the dinner is \$4.00. Laurel Reynolds, noted wildlife photographer and lecturer, will present "The World at Your Door." The film-story begins with a glimpse of the California hills as they were before man changed the landscape, and is followed by the life in the Reynolds garden in Piedmont.

Requests for reservations should be mailed to Miss Erline Hevel, 425 Ulloa Street, San Francisco, 94127.

## Editor's Comment

### TILDEN PARK

As April draws to a close, there is reason to celebrate. Spring wildflowers are at their peak; grass grows knee-high and emerald-green on hillsides. Bird migration continues apace and summer residents are arriving to establish nesting territories. Among them are the great singers like the Black-headed Grosbeak, whose passionate song stirs even the most indifferent heart. Vernal ponds are alive with the chorus of tree frogs. To the stream sounds, the Swainson's Thrush adds his sweet song.

There are many places in the Bay Area where one can go to enjoy Spring's bounty. The East Bay Regional Parks offer experiences as diverse as the Bay Area landscape itself. At Coyote Hills Park you can explore a salt water marsh. Sunol and Briones parks are the pastoral California of rolling hills and oak woodlands. Redwoods and quiet streams, bordered by ferns, describe Redwood Regional Park. The oldest and most accessible of the Regional Parks is Tilden Park located in the Berkeley Hills. Two A. C. Transit busses (#7 and #67) bring you within a short walk of the park boundary. Tilden Park is the home of the Nature Area and its new environmental center. Its 2000 acres include several biotic communities and the highest point in Oakland-Berkeley Hills (Vollmer Pk. at almost 2,000').

Try the Seaview Trail, on the park's east boundary, for broad views over Contra Costa Co. and the San Francisco Bay. Follow the dirt fire road from the Corporation Yard (near the Little Train) 3 miles north to Inspiration Point. This is a high, wide walk along the divide between the watersheds of Wildcat Creek in the park and Bear Creek that flows into San Pablo Reservoir. The beauty is in the curved brow of a hill against the sky, soaring hawks and wind sculptured trees. Watch for Western Bluebirds "hawking" for insects. Listen for the California Thrasher in the chaparral below. He has all the vocal acrobatics and mimicry of the mockingbird. And bring along a field guide, like Helen Sharsmith's "Spring Wildflowers of the San Francisco Bay Region" as the wildflower display, following another wet winter, is superb. Just beyond Vollmer Pk. (bristling with antennae) take the trail straight ahead that leaves the road and follows the ridge-line. Some of the best wildflowers are found here — Baby Blue Eyes, Woodland Stars, Yarrow, Brodiaeas. Notice the crumbling remains of an old stone wall made of basalt blocks. Some people say the wall dates back over a hundred years to the Spanish land grant days when the ridge was the boundary between two large grants.

For another environment, go to the Nature Area at the north end of the park. Pick up an illustrated booklet describing the Jewel Lake Trail, at the naturalist office behind the unfinished environmental center. In



## REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

The present constitution was adopted when the membership of GGAS was many times less than the present membership of over 4,000. It is so restrictive and out of tune with today's modes of conducting business as to make it virtually impossible to conduct the affairs of GGAS constitutionally. The revised constitution presented below is adapted from a model provided by the National Audubon Society. It maintains a democratic and open Society, contains strict fiscal controls, and will, your Constitutional Revision Committee believes, serve the Society well for many years.

The significant differences between the revised constitution and the outmoded present one are as follows:

1. Recognizing the great increase in membership, the number of Directors is increased to six (see Article III, Section I already approved at the March membership meeting). The number of elected officers is increased by the addition of a President-Elect. The latter will then become the next President and will have at least one year's experience working closely with the incumbent President.

2. It provides for the mail announcement of nominees (anticipated to be via *The GULL*) and for the election of officers and directors as well as the adoption of constitutional amendments by mail ballot. It sets the timing of the election procedure so that the elected officers and directors to serve in the year following the annual elections can proceed to appoint Chairpersons and this complete Board to then adopt a budget and review and revise the STATUTES prior to taking office at the Annual Meeting.

3. It provides for the establishment of STATUTES (operating rules not part of the Constitution) and for them to be reviewed and revised annually.

4. It provides flexibility in the establishment and discontinuance of Standing Committees with the exception of the Nominating, Membership, and Finance Committees which are mandatory.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mrs. Wm. B. Fraser (Harriet)

Gertrude Machlis

Aileen Pierson

Naomi Svenningsen

Mary Louis Rosegay (Chairperson)

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose and objectives of this Society shall be to engage in any such educational, scientific, investigative, literary, historical, philanthropic and charitable pursuits as may be part of the stated purposes of the National Audubon Society, of which this Society shall function as a Chapter.

Section 2. This Society is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof or to any private shareholder or individual. The property, assets, profits, and net income of this Society are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the property, assets, profits, or net income of this Society shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. Upon the dissolution, or upon abandonment, the assets of this Society remaining after payment of or provision for all debts and liabilities of this Society, shall be donated to the National Audubon Society, Inc. or its successor or, if unwilling or unable to accept said donation, to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, fund or funds, or foundation or foundations having similar objects and purposes as this Society, as the Board of Directors of this Society may designate, subject to the order of a Court as provided by law; provided that none of such assets shall be donated to any organization other than one organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes as presently set forth in Section 591 (c) (3) of the International Revenue Code.

Section 3. No substantial part of the Society's activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Society participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Any person interested in the purposes of the Society is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership shall be the same as those maintained by the National Audubon Society.



Section 3. Annual dues of membership shall be as established by the National Audubon Society and shall include the following categories or others that may be set by the National Audubon Society: Regular (individual), Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing, Donor, Life.

Section 4. All classes of members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges pertaining to the members of both this and the National Society.

Section 5. Membership dues shall be payable at the time of application and shall be effective from the date of election, and, in the case of Regular, Family, Student, Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing and Donor members, yearly thereafter. In the case of Life members, dues shall be paid in full in one sum at the time of application and will be accepted as of the time of election.

Section 6. Should renewal of membership dues not be paid within six month after the time they are payable, a member so in default shall forthwith be dropped from the rolls.

Section 7. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Society from establishing its own membership dues in addition to those paid to the National Audubon Society.

Section 8. Local members admitted as such, prior to July 1, 1960 but who are not members of the National Audubon Society, may continue in good standing by payment of local dues. Since that date no person may join this Society without also becoming a member of the National Audubon Society.

## **ARTICLE II: MEETINGS**

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held monthly from September through June following notice by mail.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in May or June at which time new officers will be installed and take office.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President, or pursuant to a resolution of the Board. Ten days written notice of such special meeting, stating objectives thereof, shall be given each member at his last known post office address.

Section 4. Thirty-five (35) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called regular or special meeting or by mail ballot.

## **ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The control and conduct of business of the Society shall be vested in its Board of Directors. The Board shall determine the policies of the Society. The Board shall include (a) the elected Officers (b) Chairpersons of Standing Committees (c) not more than six (6) Directors elected by the members for terms of three (3) years with the terms of office so arranged that two Directors shall be elected each year and (d) such other individuals as shall be designated by the Board in its Statutes. No member of the Board may receive remuneration from the Society except reimbursement for all authorized expenditures.

Section 2. No one individual shall serve for more than four (4) consecutive years as a member of the Board, except in the case of an individual who after four years is elected President and who then may serve the two additional years of the presidential term. Exceptions to these limitations may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held monthly September through June unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

Section 4. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or upon the request of the Board.

Section 6. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Society which may, in emergency situations act in the name of the Board except that it may not make financial commitments in excess of amounts designated annually in the Statutes. A full report of any actions and expenditures authorized by the Executive Committee shall be made at the next meeting of the Board.

Section 7. The Board shall maintain a written set of Statutes which must be reviewed annually and changed as deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, and a Treasurer.

The President shall hold office for a two-year term and shall not succeed himself. At the close of the first year of any Presidency, a President-Elect shall be elected by the members. He will serve on the Board in the year prior to becoming President. The same individual may simultaneously hold the office of First Vice President and President-Elect. All other officers shall serve for one (1) year terms, but no individual may hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms or until such time as a successor is elected.

Section 2. A vacancy in the office of the President or in any other office shall be filled by the Board, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting at which time the vacancy shall be filled in the regular way. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President occurring during the term of the President-Elect, the latter shall immediately succeed to the office of President.

Section 3. The President shall be President of the Society, Chairperson of the Board and an ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform all other duties associated with the office of President.

Section 4. The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out his duties and each may be designated by the President to head a Committee.

Section 5. The President-Elect during his year on the Board shall be assigned special duties helpful to the President and/or the Board.

Section 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and the Society.

Section 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society as directed by the President of the Board.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Society's funds. He shall disburse the funds as may be ordered by the Board. He shall report to the Board at its regular meetings. He shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the Society for distribution to the members at the annual meeting of the members or by mail, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the National Audubon Society. He may serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee. He shall be bonded if he requests or if the Board deems it desirable.

Section 9. All checks and drafts of the Society shall be signed by the Treasurer, the President or either Vice President. Two signatures shall be required on each check or draft.

Section 10. Absence of an officer from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board without a valid excuse shall create a vacancy in the post he holds when so determined by the Board. Any member of the Board may be removed for cause as determined by the Board. Such removal shall require a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

## ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 1. The election of officers and directors shall take place at a regular meeting of the members or by mail ballot at least *ONE MONTH* prior to the Annual Meeting. They shall be installed and take office at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Officers and directors presented by the Nominating Committee shall be elected by a voice vote of the membership present at a regular membership meeting or by mail ballot at least *ONE MONTH* prior to the Annual Meeting, or by motion of the membership instructing the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the recommendations presented by the Nominating Committee: *Provided*, however, if there is more than one candidate for any office, the election to such office shall be by ballot of the members with the winner receiving the majority vote of the ballots cast.

## ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President and the elected officers and directors who will serve in the year following the annual election shall appoint chairpersons of Standing Committees as prescribed below. The President with the approval of a majority of the elected officers and directors shall appoint chairpersons of Standing Committees. They, in turn, may select their own committee members, with recommendations and suggestions from the Board and with the concurrence of the President. Terms of office shall terminate each year when the new officers and directors take office or until their successors are appointed; but no chairperson shall serve more than three (3) consecutive years for the same committee unless a longer term is specifically approved by the Board because of unusual circumstances. Standing Committees shall be composed of one (1) or more members as may be needed with exceptions as noted below.

Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint Special Committees whose terms of office will be determined by the length of the assignment to be done.

Section 3. Standing Committees of the Society may be as follows, if needed, and other such Committees as become necessary to carry out the functions of the Society except that a Finance Committee, Membership Committee and Nominating Committee are required.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of not less than three (3) members. The names of the members shall be made known to the membership of the Society and suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be submitted to the committee by any member of the Society.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates to succeed those whose terms of office expire. Its report shall be made to the membership at a regular meeting or by mail at least two months in advance of the election. Additional nominations may be made if the nominee agrees in writing to serve and if his candidacy is supported by the signatures of at least ten members of the Society in good standing. Such additional nominations must be received by the chairperson of the Nominating Committee not later than three months in advance of the annual election.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint a Membership Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to cooperate with the Membership Department of the National Audubon Society by such measures as obtaining lists of names and addresses of potential members residing within the allotted territory of this Society. It shall also be the duty of this committee to conduct membership campaigns and to attempt to obtain the continuing membership of those who have become delinquent in the payment of their dues.



## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Program Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to make all plans and arrangements for the regular meetings of the Society, and it shall promote interest and appreciation through lectures, discussions, exhibits, publications and meetings.

## **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Conservation Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep informed on local, state and national governmental policies and actions affecting natural environment and the conservation of natural resources, to advise the Board of Directors, and to carry out the policies of the Society. It shall be the duty of this committee to endeavor to coordinate its actions with the policies and activities of the National Audubon Society insofar as conservation measures and policies of national scope are concerned and to keep the National Audubon Society informed of such action.

## **FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Field Trip Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan, organize and arrange for the proper conduct of field trips, that may be participated in, not only by the members of the Society, but by non-members.

## **SOCIAL (OR HOSPITALITY) COMMITTEE**

The President may appoint a Social (Hospitality) Committee Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and conduct such social gatherings of the members, or to provide the social aspects of regular meetings such as refreshments, as may seem desirable to the Board.

## **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Publicity Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to publicize, through newspaper, radio, TV and other publicity media, the purposes and programs of the Society.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint an Education Chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to further the Educational Services of the National Audubon Society; to encourage the schools and colleges of the community to conduct courses in or otherwise stress natural history, ecology and conservation; to conduct lectures and/or workshops in natural science for members and friends, to encourage schools or youth groups to use the Audubon Society Programs and other Audubon Aids in Natural Science, and through other means to inform and educate the public about the natural environment.

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Publications Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the committee to publish the *Gull*, the Society's bulletin for the members, and to prepare any other publications helpful to the on-going programs of the Society.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint a Finance Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the committee constituted to serve the appointment year after the annual election to present a budget for approval to the Board which is to serve in the year following the Annual Meeting and to do this as soon as possible after this Board is constituted. The Finance Committee holding office shall recommend to the Board in office all requests for un-budgeted funds except as provided for in Bylaws Article III, Section 6; to assist the Treasurer in the preparation of financial reports; and to make recommendations to the Board and to carry out plans for obtaining financial support for the Society.

## ARTICLE VII: GIFTS, DONATIONS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1. The Society may receive gifts in honor of or in memory of individuals or for the support of the Society. The donor may specify the use of the gift. Gifts whose use is not specified shall be used as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board.

Section 2. On recommendation by the Finance Committee and approval by the Board, the Society may make gifts and donations, and take out membership in other organizations.

## ARTICLE VIII: COMMITMENTS

This Society, or its officers or Board of Directors, shall not enter into any commitments binding on the National Audubon Society without authorization from the latter. In like manner, the National Audubon Society shall make no commitments binding on this Society without its consent.

## ARTICLE IX: DISCONTINUANCE

This Society reserves the right to terminate its Chapter status on six-months' notice, given in writing to the National Audubon Society, in which case all allocation of dues by the National Audubon Society to this Society will cease on expiration of the six-months' period. This Society recognizes the right of the National Society to terminate the Chapter relationship on six months' notice, given by it to this Society in which case the members of this Society shall continue as members thereof for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid.

## ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In matters not covered by these Bylaws, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern.

## ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members in good standing present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting thereof, regularly called or by mail ballot, provided a quorum is present or votes by mail ballot, and provided further that notice of such amendments shall have been mailed to each member of the Society at his last known address at least fifteen days before said meeting or the due date for receipt of mail ballots.

## PRESENT STATUTES

1. The fiscal year of the Society is from June 1 through May 31.
2. The monthly membership meeting of the Society shall be on the second Thursday of the month, September through June unless another date is approved by the Board. The place of meeting shall alternate between San Francisco and the East Bay.
3. No unbudgeted funds may be expended without the approval of the Board, except that a maximum of \$150 in an emergency situation may be authorized by the President in any one month and must be reported at the next meeting of the Board.
4. No gifts, donations, or memberships in other societies may be made on behalf of the Society without the prior approval of the Board.
5. Non-member subscriptions to *The Gull* shall be at the rate of \$2 per year.
6. One of the Vice Presidents is to be from the East Bay and the other from the West Bay.

7. Bylaws Articles III, Section I was approved at the March membership meeting. Accompanying the statement of this constitutional amendment was the procedure for electing this year six directors so that henceforth one director would be elected each year from the East Bay and one from the West Bay.
8. Gifts and donations received by the Society shall be disbursed at the end of each month as directed by the Board when not specified by the donor.

### **PROVISIONAL STATUTES TO IMPLEMENT REVISED CONSTITUTION (subject to approval by the Board)**

1. The two signatures required for disbursement checks shall be in priority order, the Treasurer, the President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President.
2. As soon after the annual election as possible but in no event later than August, the President shall call a meeting of the officers and director's serving in the forthcoming year for approval of Standing Committee Chairpersons.
3. As soon as possible after item (2) above is completed the Finance Committee established in item (2) above shall recommend to the Board chosen to serve in the forthcoming year, a budget and shall review and revise the Statutes. These Statutes shall be published in, *The Gull* or otherwise made available to the membership.
4. The expenditure of unbudgeted funds provided for in Bylaw Article 3, Section 6 shall be limited to \$150.
5. Wherever reference is made in the Constitution and Bylaws for the conduct of business by mail, this may be done in *The Gull*, the publication of the Society or when necessary by a separate mailing.
6. The publication of the Society, *The Gull*, shall carry in each issue an invitation to its readers to make gifts and donations for general or specific purposes, including Audubon Canyon Ranch. Checks for gifts shall be made out to GGAS and sent to the Corresponding Secretary with disbursements made by the Treasurer in accordance with the wishes of the donor or, if not specified, at the direction of the Board. The donors of such gifts, the purpose and in whose honor or memory the gift is made shall be published in *The Gull* as presently done.

Gifts and donations specified for profit making organizations or the personal enhancement of individuals or groups cannot be accepted. The Society in similarly restricted and further can only take out memberships in other organizations that are non-profit.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify the appropriate governmental agencies in accordance with the law of such requirements as changes in officers, office location, or the Constitution of the Society.



the 1920's Jewel Lake was a part of Berkeley's water supply. Now, it is an attractive naturalized lake supporting lush cattails that provide nesting sites for Red-winged Blackbirds. The quiet water reflects the horizontal limbs of Red Alder and the soft green mass of willows. In winter, one can often see migrant waterfowl. American Goldeneye, Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser were there this winter. In the dense riparian woodland that grows around the lake and follows Wildcat Creek, you will probably hear Orange-crowned and Wilson's Warblers, vireos and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Bullock's Orioles nest in the nearby eucalyptus. During migration, vagrants of many species can be found here.

Early evening is my favorite time at Jewel Lake. Violet-green Swallows skim the lake surface. Bird song is at its best. From dim recesses you will hear the Swainson's Thrush, whose song ascends, pauses, and ascends again continuing, one suspects, beyond the range of the human ear. As light fades, the frog chorus begins, punctuated by the improbable "jug o' rum" of the Bull Frog. From the eucalyptus grove a Great Horned Owl hoots to his mate. She answers in a deeper register appropriate to her larger size.

Before leaving the park, visit the Native Plant Botanic Garden. Specimens from all over the state are grouped according to region. The Sieran meadow is crossed by a small stream with aspens growing along the edges. During the winter, you may even see a Water Ouzel.

For trail maps, inquire at the park office (531-9300) or at the Nature Area office (524-1034.) A U. S. quadrangle of the area can be purchased at some book stores and sporting goods stores. See the "Happenings" column for a sample of the nature activities.

—PHILA WITHERELL, *Editor*

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1974-75

The Nominating Committee submits the following candidates to be voted on at the annual meeting to be held June 6, 1974.

President .....	Dr. Gertrude Machlis
First Vice President .....	Mary Louise Rosegay
Second Vice President .....	Peter White
Treasurer .....	Robert C. Johnsen
Recording Secretary .....	Bill Love
Corresponding Secretary .....	Lenore Johnsen
Director, three year term (East Bay) .....	Bud Henning
Director, three year term (West Bay) .....	Stan Picher
Director, two year term (West Bay) .....	Aileen Pierson
Director, one year term (West Bay) .....	Mrs. William B. Fraser

Continuing Directors are: Claire Johnson (East Bay) who has two years left in her term and Carl Kindt (East Bay) who has one year left in his term.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Triggs,  
Chairperson, Nominating Committee

## From Your President's Stockpile

SEVERAL OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS deserve warm thanks for continuing to dispatch their responsibilities to GGAS under particularly trying circumstances. **Phila Witherell** has proceeded to edit the *Gull* despite having been hospitalized and in traction for two weeks during February, and again hospitalized in March for back surgery. **Don Witherell** often served as courier between Phila and the Professional Press. We are glad to learn that Phila is rapidly recovering. (Ed. note: **Bill Principe** edited single-handedly, the big March *Gull*.)

**Pat Triggs**, in a cast with a broken ankle, and sharply limited in her activities for almost three months, still saw that an active program of field trips was carried on. She has made special efforts, in view of the energy crises, to make arrangements for buses to transport our members and friends on field trips to distant points rather than see these trips canceled. Pat probably knows more GGAS members than any other Board member because she has so conscientiously attended most field trips during her four years as Field Trip Chairman. She also headed the Nominating Committee, whose recommended slate of officers and directors is published in this issue of the *Gull*.

**CONSTITUTION REVISION:** Our entire Constitutional Revision Committee deserves commendation for its careful and expeditious revision of the GGAS Constitution, which is published in this issue. Because of the labor involved in a revision and the difficulties in securing membership approval, we have been operating under an outmoded constitution written in 1952. The 1952 constitution would have the revised constitution presented at one general membership meeting, and voted upon at the next general meeting. Since we meet alternate sides of the Bay, this would mean, in effect, that the initial presentation of this new constitution would be made at the April general meeting in Oakland. It would be voted upon at the May meeting in San Francisco by a largely different segment of the membership than assembled in April. For this reason, a brief summation of the highlights of the revised constitution will be made at the April general meeting and a copy of the revised constitution will be by mail. With the publication of the revised constitution in the *Gull*, the entire membership will be informed as to its contents and may vote on its passage. PLEASE FILL IN AND MAIL THE BALLOT APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

**THE MARCH MEETING:** The cards could scarcely have been more stacked against our having a quorum at the March general membership meeting. The gas crisis was at its peak and a strike had practically immobilized San Francisco. The morning of the meeting we learned that

we would be unable to meet as planned at the Hall of Flowers. Through Dr. Lindsay, Director of the Academy of Sciences, Mary Louise Rosegay secured the Livermore Room and more than 40 members assembled for our meeting, reflecting an effective telephone tree. Article III, published in the March issue of the *Gull* was unanimously adopted. Our thanks to all who helped assure that the meeting could take place, since the passage of Article III freed the Nominating Committee to increase the number of directors to be recommended from three to six (in keeping with our membership of more than 4000 and the distribution of that membership on both sides of the Bay).

**THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:** Finally I wish to comment on the extraordinarily well qualified slate of officers and directors provided for your approval by the Nominating Committee. It has been a difficult year for our Board and it is an indication of the cohesiveness of the Board that all the officers, serving this year, have agreed to serve another term, if elected. Sylvia McLaughlin's three year term as a director ends, but she will continue to represent us on the Board of the National Audubon Society and hence will be available as liaison between CGAS and NAS. Her suggested replacement, Bud Henning, has been invaluable to this Board as a member of the Finance Committee and has done a meticulous editing job on *Trigg's Trips* which is proceeding by careful steps toward publication.

Since the two remaining directors, Claire Johnson and Carl Kindt, as well as nominee Bud Henning, are residents of the East Bay, three new directors recommended by the Nominating Committee have been chosen from San Francisco. Standing for a three year term is Stan Pieher, who has done an outstanding job as fund raiser for Audubon Canyon Ranch. He is also Treasurer of Audubon Canyon Ranch and President of the San Francisco Museum Association. Nominated for a two year term is Aileen Pierson, who has served in a variety of capacities including President, Editor of the *Gull* and Membership Chairman. She is now in her fourth term as Secretary of Audubon Canyon Ranch and most recently, along with Harriet Fraser (proposed director, one year term), has served on the Constitution Revision Committee. Both candidates contributed greatly to the committee as did Naomi Svenningsen. May I commend Mary Louise Rosegay, Chairperson, and the entire committee for the effective manner in which the members worked together.

Election of officers will take place at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Society to be held June 6 at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets in San Francisco. Erlene Hevel and her committee, who were responsible for our most successful December Audubon dinner, will again handle arrangements for our June 6 dinner. Do plan to keep that date open so that you can attend what promises to be a most festive affair.



**GGAS HOTLINE:** GGAS has been publishing for the past year a printed *Hot Line* alerting interested members about current bills before state and federal committees of particular concern to conservationists and needing their urgent support. Dottie Pistorius, who was primarily responsible for the *Hot Line*, has left the GGAS office with plans to return with Alan to Minnesota. Anne Greenfelder plans to continue the *Hot Line*. Anne asks members to let her know (843-2222) about conservation issues. The *Hot Line's* success is determined by the number of members receiving the publication and their willingness to respond to the issues. Should you wish to be on the mailing list, alert the office by mail or phone. Donations for the support of the *Hot Line* are welcome in lieu of any subscription charge.

—G. R. MACHLIS, *President*

## HAPPENINGS

**Audubon Workshop of the West:** "To add to one's knowledge and understanding of the natural world," is the purpose of the four 12-day workshops that begin June 1. The camp is located in the beautiful Wind River Mts. of Wyoming at 7,500'. The program offers an integrated sequence of daily field trips. Call the GGAS office (843-222) for information.

**Point Reyes Bird Observatory** field trip courses: PRBO offers 2 courses, **Birds of Southwest Arizona**, May 14-20 and a **Transect of California**, June 21-27 or July 12-18. The east-west transect from Mono Lake to Monterey is an exciting way to learn about California's major habitats. Write Meryl Stewart, Box 442, Bolinas, Ca 94924 for details.

**Lawrence Hall of Science** summer camps for 8-12 year olds: The camps are in two Sierra locations. Call 642-5132 for information.

**San Jose State University Extension** lists a full program of Field Studies. They begin in mid-June with a trip to Sequoia National Park, followed by trips to the Sierra Gold Country, the Hawaiian Islands and Santa Cruz. Contact Ms. Marcia DeHart, Field Studies in Natural History, San Jose State University, San Jose, 95192.

For desert buffs, an unusual photographic essay of **Death Valley** is in progress (ending May 19) at the **Oakland Museum** in the Natural Sciences Special Gallery.

**The East Bay Regional Parks** are offering a number of nature activities in the late spring and early summer. Here are a few examples: Saturday afternoon programs in Tilden Park's Nature Area include "Birds for Beginners," June 1; "Snakes of the Bay Area," June 8; and "Bugs and Creepy Crawlers," June 15. Programs on "The Ecology of San Francisco Bay" will be given at the Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach, Alameda on Wed. evenings. On Memorial Day, May 27, there will be demonstrations of sheep shearing and spinning at Tilden's "Little Farm." EBRPD

BALLOT

GGAS CONSTITUTION REVISION

I approve ☐, disapprove ☐, of the constitution published in the May 1974 issue of *The Gull*. This vote represents one (1) ballot ☐, two (2) ballots ☐. If *The Gull* is addressed to two individuals, each is entitled to one (1) vote. Mail this ballot to Golden Gate Audubon Society, 2718 Telegraph Ave., #206, Berkeley, Ca 94705 not later than May 15, 1974.

has arranged with AC Transit to offer bus service to 5 Regional Parks. Call the park office (531-9300) for schedules and further information on the nature programs.

**The Planning and Conservation League** is going to hold its annual meeting in San Francisco on June 8. Ralph Nader and Oregon Gov. Tom McCall will be the keynote speakers at the one day conference at the S. F. Hilton Hotel.

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The *Gull* deadline is the first of the month for the following month.